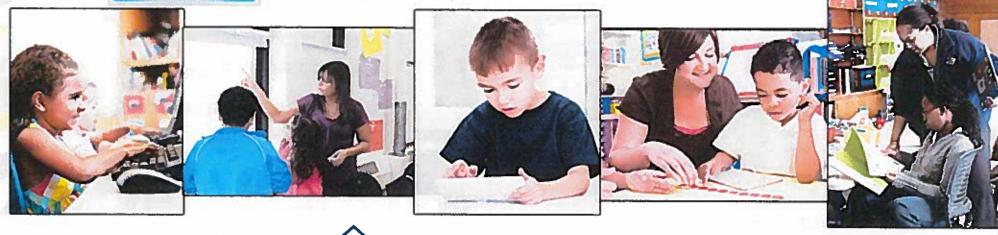


# Parent Dashboard for School Transparency











# Launched January 9, 2018!

- Began with conversations related to the Every Student Succeeds Act (2015)
- Requested by parents and other education stakeholders
- ➤ Initiated by State Board of Education policy (2017)
- Has been architected, designed, tested, and is now implemented
- www.MISchoolData.org/ParentDashboard





# An Easy-to-Use Parent Dashboard

- Provides one easy location where parents and caregivers can view building-level data they say are important to them
- Offers a more balanced picture of school quality, since it contains information about more than just test scores
- Shows the performance of every public school in Michigan, including public school academies





#### **Dashboard Features**

- Quickly find a school, learn about it, view its performance, and drill in for more detail
- Compare a school's performance over 3 years to peer schools and the State of Michigan
- Find answers to common questions within each page, or through Help or Contact pages
- Easily share and print information from any page
- ➤ Learn more about overall State of Michigan performance on similar indicators





# **Designed with Parent and Educator Input**

- ESSA work groups and surveys
- Dashboard survey
  - October 31-Nov 6, 2017
  - 4,200 responses
- Parent advisory group
- Focus groups
- Online user survey



Comprehensive Parent Focus Group Findings

Input on the Transparency Dashboard





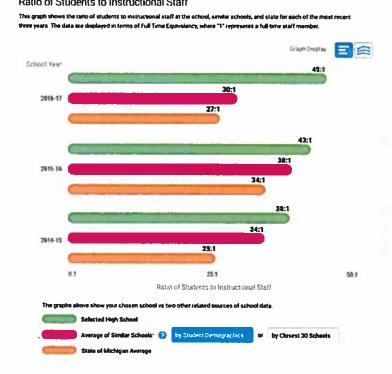
# **Development Timeline**

Phase	Start	End	Status
Requirements Analysis	May 2017	July 2017	Done
Design (UI)	July 2017	September 2017	Done
Build	September 2017	November 2017	Done
Acceptance Testing	November 2017	December 2017	Done
Preview Window	December 28, 2017	January 8, 2018	Done
Official Launch	January 9, 2018		Done
Promotion and feedback	January 2018		Ongoing
Enhancements	January 2018		Ongoing
Phase II Data Added	January 2018	Fall 2018	In Progress
Phase III Data Added	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Pending



### **Collaborative Effort**

- Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
- Center for Educational Performance in Information (CEPI)
- Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB)
- Center for Shared Solutions (CSS)
- Red Cedar Solutions Group
- Public Policy Associates
- Parent Advisory Group





## What does it take to build a data dashboard?

- Collaboration of more than 50 staff members from four different State agencies
- Numerous contracted application developers
- More than 3,000 person hours (plus more developing the application!)
- ➤ Integration of data-sets from 10 databases
- ➤ Data from over 3,400 public school buildings (includes traditional districts and public school academies)
- Data covering over 1.9 million Michigan students





## What is shown on the Parent Dashboard?

- School-level information
- Nearly 20 different factors
- Includes three years of data (where available)

#### School overview data

- State test results
  - Student performance
  - Student growth
- Graduation rate
- English learner progress
- Participation on state tests
- Advanced coursework (HS)
- Postsecondary enrollment (HS)
- On-track attendance

#### **Additional data**

#### Staff

- Student/staff ratio
- Student support staff

#### Student

- Transfers in and out
- Expulsion rate
- Dropout rate
- Attendance rate
- Graduates who are proficient on the SAT
- Postsecondary
  - Enrollment
  - Persistence
  - Completion

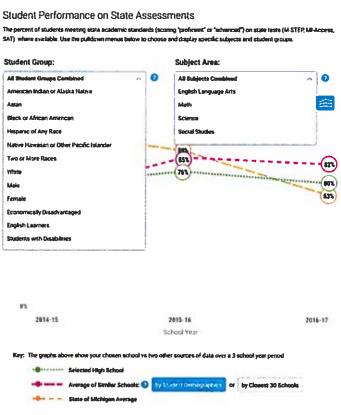


## What is shown on the Parent Dashboard?

#### ...cont'd

#### Parents can see information for:

- > All students in a school
- Different groups of students within a school
  - race
  - English learners
  - students with disabilities
  - more





## Where does the information come from?

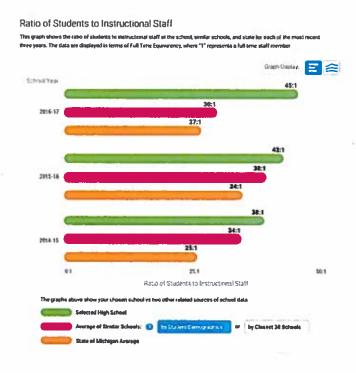


- Facts and data schools already provide to the state
- > Data collected and stored by
  - MDE
  - CEPI (for MISchoolData.org)

Note: Future phases may include data not currently collected (ESSA-required/points of pride, etc.)



#### How can families use the new Dashboard?



- Encourage richer conversations about schools
- > Inform decisions about schools
- Compare school's performance to other similar schools
  - schools nearby
  - schools with similar demographics



# **Highlights**

- An iterative approach to strategy, design, and user testing was used
- Most of what you will see was validated with parents
- ➤ The website is mobile-friendly (responsive) and is ADA Compliant
- Features video tutorials on how to navigate the site and a welcome message from Supt. Whiston





## **Key Site Features**

- Enhanced school search capability
  - By school name, city/county, or map-based view
- > Intuitive navigation
- > Deeper dive available on most measures
  - By subject and student group
- Provides data points across multiple years
- > Easy to share and print individual page views
- FAQ and Glossary of Terms updated frequently, based on user input



#### **Planned Future Enhancements**

- > Points of Pride
  - Before- and after-school programming
  - Early Learning access (public system)
  - Wraparound services
  - Extracurricular opportunities
  - Presence of recess
- More customized comparisons

- New data (as available)
  - Access to fine arts, music, physical education and library media specialists
  - Financial reporting (in phases)
  - Access to technology
  - Services for students with disabilities
  - Services for English Learners
  - Suspensions
  - Climate/Culture surveys
  - Educator engagement



#### **Communication Resources**

 www.michigan.gov/MDE-ParentDashboard



- Fact Sheet
- One-Page flyer
- Customizable stakeholder messaging
- PowerPoint template for sharing schoollevel results







#### Since Launch...

- Site traffic is up
  - 30,000+ visitors to the site
  - Hundreds of thousands of page views
- Response has been positive
  - Input has been received through multiple communication channels (email, survey, phone calls)
    - Email response from staff typically provided within 48 hours
  - A majority of online survey respondents found it easy to navigate the Parent Dashboard and understand the data and liked its look and feel



# Can users still make suggestions?

- Dashboard is a "Living Tool"
- This is phase one of a multistage process
- Provide feedback at the dashboard website
- ➤ OR contact:

MDE-ParentDashboard@michigan.gov





#### For More Information

#### **Parent Dashboard website:**

www.MISchoolData.org/ParentDashboard

#### Communication tools for schools and other organizations:

www.Michigan.gov/MDE-ParentDashboard

#### Feedback or questions:

MDE-ParentDashboard@Michigan.gov

#### **Technical customer support:**

CEPI@Michigan.gov



#### **Contact Information**

Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D.

Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports Michigan Department of Education

keeslerv@Michigan.gov











# Explore the Parent Dashboard www.MISchoolData.org/ParentDashboard



